



City County of Butte Silver-Bow COMPREHENSIVE PARK, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The vision, goals, and recommendations of this plan were developed by your planning team using the input from over 200 members of your community who provided input at community meetings, feedback on interim planning documents and participated in small group interviews and sports group questionnaires.

VISION (20 Year)

The Butte-Silver Bow park system is well designed and maintained, with a variety of recreational opportunities provided throughout the year. Parks and open spaces celebrate the area's unique history., Neighborhood residents are able to walk or bike to nearby parks on safe trails and pathways and all residents of the County enjoy convenient access to the natural areas surrounding them.

GOALS

1. Create a fun, well-designed and maintained park and recreation system.
2. Provide an efficient system of well connected parks and open spaces, with access to natural areas throughout Silver Bow County.
3. Offer a variety of recreational opportunities that allow enjoyment of the park system throughout the year.
4. Strengthen Butte-Silver Bow's identity as a major recreational, environmental, and historical attraction by preserving and enhancing unique historical, natural and cultural elements of the area.
5. Establish a management structure that can implement the vision of the park, trails and open space plan in collaboration with the community.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- BSB Government not build or manage a large scale water park or *traditional* outdoor pool; meet outdoor aquatic needs using lower cost water play facilities in several locations; continue partnership with the YMCA for indoor aquatics.
- Establish a park and recreation department, combining the responsibility for natural areas, trails, developed parks, historic/cultural sites and eventually, recreation programming.
- Coordinate and focus maintenance activities for parks, trails, natural areas and historic/cultural sites to promote efficiency and a higher level of maintenance.
- Establish a clear community decision making process for park and recreation projects that is guided by the Parks Board.
- Add and remove parks from the system to spread the benefits of parks across the community as efficiently as possible.
- Use the park system as the primary venue for telling the historic and cultural story of Butte
- Maintain existing competitive sport facilities (sports fields, courts, etc.) including safety upgrades